GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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WORLD BANK REPORT ON GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the Global Development Finance report released by the World Bank recently;

(b) if so, the details of remarks made in the report in regard to India;

(c) whether as per report a prolonged war in Iraq could adversely affect India`s growth prospects in the new fiscal year; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (ANANDRAO V.ADSUL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Report comments favourably about India and takes note of increase in private consumption with recovery in agricultural incomes, upturn in manufacturing performance and attractiveness to investors in non-financial services. The report also states that India is expected to lead in the increase in FDI in South Asia if economic reforms and the government`s efforts to attract foreign investment continue over the next three years.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.